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WARSAW SUPREME COURT SENTENCES SABOTEURS

Charged with sabotage and disclosure of confidential economic information to foreign powers, two representatives of foreign firms were sentenced to death and five executives of "Polimex" (Polish Association for Import-Export of Machines and Tools) were sentenced to prison terms by the Supreme Court in Warsaw.

Representatives of foreign firms were Zygmunt Zbyszynski and Boleslaw Ziolkowski. Executives of "Polimex" were Wacław Dymitrowicz, manager of the Import Division; Tadeusz Nakoniecznikow-Klukowski, manager of the Tools Division; Bohdan Thieme, manager of the Machine Tools Division; Mieczyslaw Grudzin-ski, clerk in the Machine Tools Division; and Wladyslaw Lipczenski, vice-director of the Import Division.

Zygmunt Zbyszynski, representative of a foreign concern in Poland, paid handsome bribes to several employees of "Polimex" to cooperate with him by favoring enterprises which he represented. Some of the employees like Thienne sic received regular monthly payments for this service. During the course of the trial, it was disclosed that Zbyszynski and Ziolkowski carried out orders of the concerns belonging to one of the capitalist nations. These concerns were attempting to corner the Polish market in order to dictate purchase terms on machines necessary to Polish industry.

By means of agents, these concerns gathered confidential economic information to hamper the development and the reconstruction of Polish industry.

Before the war, Boleslaw Ziolkowski was the representative of German, US, and Swedish concerns in Poland. During German occupation of Poland, he offered his ~~services~~ to the German concern "National Krupp Registrierkassen G.m.b.H. Berlin." After Poland's liberation, he represented another foreign concern. Ziolkowski received confidential economic information from the "Polimex" officials and information pertaining to the Polish Navy. This latter information was turned over to a foreign consulate in Warsaw. Confidential information on 60 Polish industrial enterprises was transmitted by Ziolkowski. Information regarding the ~~navy~~ was obtained from an informer on the seacoast who was paid by Ziolkowski.

The officials of "Polimex" were bribed to steer orders to foreign firms without regard to competitive bids and faster deliveries obtainable elsewhere. Resulting higher prices and delays cost the State Treasury many million zlotys.

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